

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Application of

File No. RH03029826

CONSUMERS UNION OF US, INC.,
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA,
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF
GREATER LOS ANGELES, SPANISH
SPEAKING CITIZENS'
FOUNDATION, FOUNDATION FOR
CONSUMER AND TAXPAYER
RIGHTS, CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
CITY OF OAKLAND, CITY &
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO,

DECISION ON PETITION FOR
RULEMAKING

Petitioners.

On May 29, 2003, the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California received a petition from Consumers Union of US, Inc., National Council of La Raza, Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Los Angeles, Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation, Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Oakland, and the City & County of San Francisco (collectively hereinafter "Petitioners"). Petitioners, pursuant to Government Code section 11340.6, requested that the Commissioner undertake a rulemaking proceeding to amend certain regulations that implement the automobile rating factor provisions of California Insurance Code, section 1861.02(a). The Commissioner hereby grants the Petition for Rulemaking.

Petitioners have requested amendments to California Code of Regulations, title 10, section 2632.8, entitled "Factor Weights." Given the importance of this issue, the Commissioner proposes to consider amendments to this regulation, pursuant to the authority of Insurance Code, section 1861.02(a). Pursuant to Government Code, section 11340.7 the Commissioner intends to schedule this matter for public hearing in accordance with the notice and hearing requirements of Article 5 of the Government Code (commencing with section 11346). The Commissioner will arrange for public discussions regarding the regulations to be proposed. Specifically, pursuant to

1 Government Code section 11346.45, the Department of Insurance will invite the public to
2 participate in discussions regarding the regulations to be proposed. Notice regarding these public
3 discussions will be forthcoming. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the petition from, or
4 direct questions to Bryant Henley, Staff Counsel, California Department of Insurance, 45
5 Fremont, 21st Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105 [(415) 538-4111].
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10 Dated: June 25, 2003.

JOHN GARAMENDI
Insurance Commissioner

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